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The Woman's Aid Society held its first meeting in the new year Thursday afternoon Jan. 5. At this meeting the annual election for officers was held. Mrs. John Schneider was elected president; Mrs. John Bottger, vice president; Miss Anna Doerner, secretary; Mrs. Frank Leikauf, treasurer. The officers of the society together with the following women appointed by the president constitute the executive committee: Mrs. J. H. Straub, Mrs. H. K. Dinger, Mrs. J. W. Brewer, Mrs. Geo. Hesser, Mrs. Lydia Close, Mrs. Wm. Siebold, Miss Libbie Felker.

The executive committee held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Schneeder, Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 19, and planned the work of the society for the year. The women of the church were grouped into four sections.

Section 1 will serve supper first Thursday in February. Managers, Mrs. Frank Leikauf, Mrs. J. H. Brewers, Mrs. Henry Dinger, Mrs. Frank More.

Assistants: Mesdames A. K. Zartman, John Schneider, L. W. Hills, W. L. Hilbisch, Willis J. Pearse, John Sessler, H. E. Vordermark, Frank Shunk, Jennie Wickliffe, Deliah Long, Mary Gooley, Lillie Zeis, George Saffen, H. Stewart, Rachel Wells, David Copenhaver, C. A. Wagner, Isaac Clipper, Richard Weller, Catherine Romy, Robert Gavin, A. M. Henderson, Louis Wilkening, D. H. Wilbert, R. F. Dinger, Margaret Boger, Mary Schaich, George Miller, Lenora McAfee, Lucy Zimmerman, Taylor, and Misses Ivah Powers, Gertrude Powers, Maggie Haverly, Hazel Gooley, Beat-

rice Benninghoff, Irma Ulmer, and Messrs. George Ulmer and A. Saffen.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Aid society for next month will be held Thursday afternoon, Feb. 2. On that day there will be an all day sewing and section No. 1 will serve supper from 5 until 8 p. m. There should be a large attendance at the supper. Come and bring your friends with you. The supper will be 20 cents. The menu for the supper will consist of Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, tomatoes, hot biscuits and gravy, fruit, desert, etc.

Miss Hazel Parks, of Glenford, Ohio, spent Christmas and most of the holiday week at the parish house. The remaining days of the week she spent at Bluffton with Mr. and Mrs. Diefenbach. Miss Parks is the pastor's niece. Miss Lola King from Glenford, Ohio, a cousin of the pastor, was also a visitor at the parsonage during the holiday week. We enjoyed the visits of these young ladies very much indeed. We only regret that they could not tarry with us longer.

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Monthly Supper Thursday evening, Feb. 2 from 5 to 8 p. m. The women of section No. 1, will serve the supper. Mrs. Frank Leikauf, Mrs. J. W. Brewer, Mrs. H. K. Dinger and Mrs. Frank More are the managers of the section.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual congregational meeting was held on Monday evening, Jan. 2. From 5 to 7:30 p. m. the Laymen's league served the annual New Year's supper. They had a splendid supper and a large attendance. The annual reports of secretaries and treasurers were read at the meeting and the annual election was held. W. F. Close and H. E. Vordermark were elected elders; H. E. Metzner and E. C. Close were elected deacons; financial secretary, W. F. Close; assistant, J. W. Brewer; treasurer, F. E. More. At a meeting of the consistory held Sabbath morning, Jan. 15, Mr. More, owing to the fact that his business keeps him out of the city almost constantly, resigned the office of treasurer and Mr. Brewer was appointed by the consistory to fill the vacancy. The following are abstracts from the treasurer's reports that were read:

Church Treasurer's report:

Receipts from all sources, first quarter, \$1,272.77; second quarter, 403.16; third quarter, \$612.18; fourth quarter, \$684.63. Total receipts \$2,972.74. Expenditures, first quarter, \$1,272.77; second quarter, \$403.16; third quarter, \$612.18; fourth quarter, \$684.63. Total \$2,972.74. W. F. Close, treasurer.

Report of S. S. secretary and treasurer:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1910, \$155.90. Receipts, first quarter, \$87.64; second quarter, \$77.36; third quarter, \$48.69; fourth quarter, \$91.24. Total receipts \$460.83. Expenditures, first quarter, \$142.30; second quarter, \$86.00; third quarter, \$20.00; fourth quarter, \$36.75. Total, \$285.05. Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1911, \$175.78. Irving Bitner, secretary and treasurer.

Report of Woman's Aid Society:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1910, \$267.15. Receipts by monthly dues, suppers, sewings, penny boxes, \$452.77. Total receipts \$719.92. Expenditures, \$559.96.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1911, \$159.96. Mrs. Frank E. More, treasurer.

Report of Young People's Society:

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1910, \$1.64. Receipts of offerings, \$10.87. Net receipts of entertainments \$25.25; offerings for Easter decorations, \$5.40. Total receipts \$43.16. Expenditures, for 21 hymn books, \$21.00; other expenditures, \$11.80. Total \$32.80. Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1911, \$10.36. Elsie B. Weickerd, treasurer.

Report of the Woman's Missionary Society:

Receipts of monthly dues, \$29.97; free will offering, \$4.10. Total, \$34.07. Expenditures, \$15.32. Balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1911, \$23.60. Mrs. J. H. Straub, treasurer.

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Receipts for the year, Nov. 1, 1909, to Nov. 1, 1910, by subscriptions, \$22.00; advertising, \$122.50. Total receipts \$144.50. Expenditures, for printing of Visitor, \$86.00. To repairs on parsonage and barn, and postage, \$35.50. Total \$121.50. Net receipts \$23.00. This amount was applied in payment on furnace. Original cost of furnace \$187. Amount paid to date Jan. 1, 1911, \$109.50. Statement of parsonage indebtedness: Original cost of parsonage built 1889, \$2,036.08. This amount has been reduced by the net earnings of the parish paper to \$1,317.75. The paper has been edited by the pastor for the past twenty years without a cent of remuneration for his work, and he has been glad to give the net earnings of the paper each year for the repairs on the parsonage and as a sinking fund on the original indebtedness. He hopes the members of the church appreciate this extra and gratuitous labor on his part.

The original loan was made by the trustees of the church from Mr. Conrad, Mrs. Zartman's father. To this date the church has never been at any expense, either for repairs made on the property or for payment on the indebtedness, or

for interest on the money that was loaned. At a recent meeting of the consistory the opinion was expressed that something should be done to increase the revenue of the paper. We know of one way by which this might be done. Let each family pay annually the small amount of 25 cents, the subscription price of the paper for one year. One hundred subscriptions would mean an additional net profit of \$25.00.

AN OPEN LETTER.

At the request of the Laymen's league the consistory has adopted the Duplex system of payment of subscriptions and benevolence. Every member of the church is requested to subscribe a definite amount both for current expenses and benevolence, and by the use of the Duplex system you can each keep a record of your payments and in this way know just how your account stands.

It is not necessary to separate the envelope as you can put your money in either or both sides and drop the whole envelope upon the plate.

Regarding subscriptions wish to say that the consistory will personally see those who do not fill out cards, so if you attend to this at once (unless you have a subscription), you will save them a lot of work.

Inasmuch as there was a deficit in our current expenses at the close of last year of some over \$200, it is important that we should have a liberal subscription from every member of the church. We are making this statement so that everyone may know the facts and what will be expected. By each one contributing a small per cent. more than last year, we shall be able to meet our expenses for the year in full, and also provide for the deficit, which has been accumulating for several years. It will work no hardship upon many or all of the members to increase their pledges by a small per cent. Until we become tithers, we are not coming up to the re-

quirements of the Lord, and cannot expect his approval and blessing. Giving the tenth, would mean an abundance to meet all of our expenses and a liberal contribution for benevolence and a church blessed and prospered of the Lord.

If you have not received your supply of envelopes, please get them from either the financial secretary or treasurer.

Assuring you that with the co-operation of each member we can and will make this a record year for Grace church, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
W. F. CLOSE, Fin. Sec.

GONE TO THE ETERNAL HOME.

The news of the sudden death of Dr. Harrie W. Moelering, of Goshen, Ind., Thursday afternoon, Dec. 29, brought to us inexpressible sorrow, and sadness. He was returning from the country shortly after the noon hour, where he had gone to make a professional call and when crossing the Lake Shore R. R. at the city limits, he was struck by a fast train, and killed instantly. He was the only child of our neighbors who have resided side by side with us for the past twenty years. We remember well when a little lad how he went in and out of our home, almost as freely and familiarly as if he was our own. He was a child of promise, bright and interesting and endeared himself to everyone. He pursued his studies in our public schools and later took university courses, and fitted himself for his chosen profession. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Moelering and was born in our city Aug. 22, 1884.

When at the age of fourteen or fifteen he connected himself with the First Presbyterian church of Fort Wayne. During his university course at Ann Arbor, Mich., he identified himself with the Episcopal church of

which he was a member at the time of his death.

He was ambitious, and was content with nothing less, than the fullest preparation for his profession. He had a high aim and incentive for life. He located at Goshen, Ind., the first of August of last year. Within a few days after he opened his office he found himself in the midst of a busy professional life. His success as a practitioner was phenomenal. He made friends everywhere and of everybody. He was skilled and sympathetic, and was destined to be the making of a most useful man. Why he was taken away in the very morning of his life, we do not know. That it was in the Lord's plan, we do not question. It is only for us to say, Thy will be done. Out of our disappointment, sorrow and tears, our Father will bring the best for us.

The remains were brought to the city to the home of his parents, Dec. 30. The funeral service was held Sunday afternoon, Jan 1. Rev. E. A. Averil, rector of the Trinity Episcopal church read the funeral service and by request the pastor of Grace church delivered the address. To the bereaved and sorrowing wife, parents and grandmother, we tender our sympathy and assure them of our prayers in their great sorrow.

OUR SICK.

Mrs. Daisy Rhodes has been at the St. Joe Hospital for nearly two months and has been critically ill for the past three weeks. She is now convalescing and we hope to see her improve with each day.

Mrs. Arney has been at the St. Joe Hospital for an operation. She got along splendidly and will go to her home on Spy Run shortly.

Mrs. William Moore is at the Lutheran hospital for treatment. She has been in poor health for several years. We hope that treatment at the hospital

may benefit her and that she may again regain her usual health.

Mrs. Beyers at his sisters home, the Otto House, is very poorly. Each day finds her growing weaker. She is in constant suffering.

Mr. Raquet is very ill at the home of his daughter, Mr. Fritz, 1417 Sherman street. He is very feeble, besides has dropsical symptoms.

Mrs. Maud Baum, residing on South Hanna street, who has been ill for the past two or three years, while still a shutin, is getting well. If she continues to improve, she will be able to get out when spring comes.

Miss Neta Heyman has been doing splendidly, and is able to be out of doors some. She is in the best of spirits and is cheerful and happy.

Miss Maggie Haverly and Mrs. A. M. Henderson have both been housed up with grip. Mrs. Walter Close has also been having a severe attack of grip.

Mr. Calvin Hosler was not able to be at his place of business for nearly a week. The grip got the best of him and he was housed up.

A new interest has been awakened in the midweek prayer meeting. At present we are having a series of studies in personal work. The following are the topics for the coming month:

Feb. 8—Prayer, the Quiet Hour.

Feb. 15—The Holy Spirit; Endowment for Service.

Feb. 22—The True Spirit of the Worker, Unselfishness, Humility, Sympathy.

March 1—Tact, Studying Men, Cultivating Tact.

March 8—Opportunities, Witnessing for Christ, etc.

A series of Sunday evening sermons will be announced shortly. The sermons will be given under the auspices of the Laymen's league. The Lincoln memorial service Sabbath evening, Feb. 12, will be in charge of the league.

Y. P. S. C. E.

TOPICS AND LEADERS

Feb. 5—"Why Do You Believe in Christian Endeavor." (Christian Endeavor Day). Prov. 22:6; 8:12-17, 32-36. George Shiffer.

Feb. 12—Lessons from Great Lives; Joseph. Gen. 41:14-41. Lizzie Rudisill.

Feb. 19—Serenity: How to Get It, What it Accomplishes. John 14:1, 27; 16:33. Nora Miner.

Feb. 26—Missionary Journey Around the World; Missions in the United States. (South). Isa. 55:1-13. Mrs. A. K. Zartman.

About twenty members of the Young People's Society attended the annual meeting and banquet of the Local Union of Christian Endeavors held at the First Baptist church on Friday evening, Jan. 20.

There was a fine crowd of young people in attendance and it showed that the Local Union is still alive. It was decided to appoint a committee to confer with presidents of various societies in the city and endeavor to form one big union of the societies, thus enabling them to do much greater work.

The Local Union this year hopes to do more effective work than ever before and our society should be ready at all times to co-operate with them.

A delightful business and social meeting of the Young People's Society was held Tuesday evening, Jan. 17 at the Bitner home. As this was the first meeting of the year, officers for the society were elected for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

President—Geo. Shiffer.

Vice President—Raymond Close.

Secretary—Miss Nora Miner.

Treasurer—Abraham Jones.

Pianist—Miss Stella Bottger.

All those attending report having an enjoyable time and it was decided to hold the February meeting at the home of Dr. Coblentz on West Berry street,

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accepting an invitation extended by him to the society. This meeting will be held on Valentine evening, Feb. 14, and will be in the nature of a Valentine party.

We would like to see all young people of the church get interested in the society and help along with this work. Start now and begin attending the Sunday evening meetings at 6:45.

The Laymens League held its monthly meeting in the lecture rooms of the church Thursday evening, Jan. 12. They had a good attendance and an interesting session. A half a dozen or more new members were enrolled at this meeting. The secretary and treasurer of the men's supper, reported that the supper netted the league \$44.46. By motion the retiring officers were re-elected for the year. C. E. Close, president; J. W. Brewer, vice president; George Shiffer, secretary; H. E. Metzner, treasurer. At the close of the business session, Mrs. Frank Leikauf and Mrs. A. K. Zartman served the members of the league to luncheon.

Dorothea Gumpfer is recovering from a very serious attack of diphtheria. She took sick during holiday week, and for several days was in a very critical condition. She is doing very nicely now and is able to be out some.

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